

† SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—Yes, It has been exempted from 1-1-1978

SRI P. A. PAWASHE.—Sir, some of the agriculturists have filed applications for various permits in the R.T.O. It is reported that the authorities concerned are insisting upon these applicants to pay the previous taxes although they have been exempted from paying this tax. Will the Government issue necessary instructions to the concerned authorities not to collect taxes and also to refund the amount collected in this behalf?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—Sir, it is not like that. The taxes will be recovered if there were any arrears due from applicants.

SRI P. A. PAWASHE.—At the time of considering the application for various permits they asked agriculturists to pay the tax and they have recovered for the exempted period. May I know whether they are correct in doing so?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—If they have recovered over exempted period that will be considered.

### Urban Land Tax.

380. SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Urban Land Tax had come into force on 1st April 1976 in Corporation area in Karnataka ;

(b) the amount of Urban Land Tax collected up till now ;

(c) the number of writ petitions pending in this respect ;

(d) whether any writ petition has been decided by the High Court of Karnataka ?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Rs. 9, 17,248-10 has been collected till the end of October 1978.

(c) 30

(d) No.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know what is the approximate Urban Land Tax per year from all the Corporations ?

† SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The approximate Urban Land Tax per year is expected to the tune of Rs. 37,92,374.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—When the approximate taxation per year is Rs. 37,92,374 the collection for upto 1978 is Rs. 9,17,248-10 is it not a meagre amount,

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—Yes. It is.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Will you kindly give the break-up figures of Rs. 9,17,248-10?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—These are the figures of various Corporations units in the State :

1. Bangalore	...	Rs.	1,40,897-25
2. Bidar	...	Rs.	87,973-05
3. Belgaum	...	Rs.	65,250-70
4. Bellary	...	Rs.	1,59,125-15
5. Bijapur	...	Rs.	11,375-95
6. Davanagere	...	Rs.	1,02,294-95
7. Dharwar	...	Rs.	1,50,273-73
8. Gulbarga	...	Rs.	7,055-05
9. Mangalore	...	Rs.	17,755-50
10. Mysore	...	Rs.	47,502-90
11. Shimoga & Bhadravathi	...	Rs.	80,063-90

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Whether it is not a fact that the Corporations and Municipalities are collecting the taxes and this urban land tax is double tax, therefore is it not an harassment to the urban people ? Whether the Government is going to scrap Urban land tax ?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—We are collecting the taxes under the law. I do not think there is any harassment at all. I have already explained on the Floor of this House that we have been thinking of alternative taxation and we will try to introduce the Bill as soon as it is ready.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಆರ್. ಬೊಮ್ಮಾಯಿ.—ನಗರ ಭೂ ತೆರಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಿಧಿಸಿದಾಗ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಚಳವಳಿ ನಡೆಯಿತು ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳು ಬಂದು ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಕಂಡಾಗ ತಾವು ನಗರ ಭೂ ತೆರಿಗೆಯ ವಸೂಲಾತಿಯನ್ನು ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಲಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ಭರವಸೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರಿ. ಆದರೆ, ತಾವು ಈಗ ನೀಡಿದ ಭೂ ತೆರಿಗೆ ವಸೂಲಾತಿ ವಿವರದಿಂದ ತಾವು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರಕ್ಕೂ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ನಗರಗಳಿಗೂ ತಾರತಮ್ಯ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರೆಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಉಳಿದ ನಗರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ವಸೂಲಾ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಿ? ಯೂನಿಫಾರಂ ಆದ ತತ್ವವನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಏತಕ್ಕೆ ಅನುಸರಿಸಬಾರದು ?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—I do not think the Hon. the Leader of the Opposition is correct that we have stepped the collecting of taxes. Now it has been slowed down. But we are thinking of introducing an alternative taxation policy.

SRI S. R. BOMMAI.—Should it be slowed down in all the cities and through out the State ?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—It is done so.